



Updates to your prescription benefits

Effective May 1, 2026

Essential 4-Tier PDL update summary

Within the Prescription Drug List (PDL), prescription drugs are grouped by tier. The tier indicates the cost and coverage level of a drug. Please reference the chart below as you review the following updates to the PDL.



Tier 1
Lowest-cost medications



Tier 2 and 3
Mid-range cost



Tier 4
Highest-cost

Prescription drugs excluded from benefit coverage^{1,2}

We evaluate prescription drugs based on their total value, including how a drug works, its safety, and how much it costs. When several drugs work in the same way, we may choose to exclude the higher-cost option. Effective **May 1, 2026**, the drugs listed below may be excluded from coverage or you may need to get a prior authorization. Sign into your online account to check if there are any actions you need to take.

Therapeutic use	Medication name	Alternative treatment option(s)
Asthma	Fluticasone Furoate Ellipta (Arnuity Ellipta authorized generic) ³	Arnuity Ellipta, Qvar RediHaler
Cancer	Nilotinib tartrate ^{3,4}	nilotinib hydrochloride (generic Tasigna) ⁵
Contraceptive	Averi ³	desogestrel/ethinyl estradiol 0.15/0.03 mg [Apri, Cyred, Cyred EQ, Enskyce, Isibloom, Juleber, Kalliga, Reclipsen, Solia (generic Desogen, Ortho-Cept)]

Therapeutic use	Medication name	Alternative treatment option(s)
Diabetes	Kirsty ^{3,4}	Humalog KwikPen, Insulin Lispro KwikPen/vial (unbranded Humalog), Lyumjev KwikPen
Diabetes	Merilog/Merilog Solostar ^{3,4}	Humalog KwikPen, Insulin Lispro KwikPen/vial (unbranded Humalog), Lyumjev KwikPen
Diabetes	Simplera Sensor ^{3,4}	Dexcom ⁵ , Freestyle Libre ⁵
Diabetes	Simplera System ^{3,4}	Dexcom ⁵ , Freestyle Libre ⁵
Endocrine disorders	Demser (brand only) ⁴	metyrosine (generic Demser) ⁵
Endocrine disorders	Ravicti (brand only) ⁴	glycerol phenylbutyrate (generic Ravicti) ⁵ , sodium phenylbutyrate (generic Buphenyl) ⁵
Hereditary angioedema	Ekterly ^{3,4}	icatibant (generic Firazyr) ⁵ , Berinert ⁵ , Ruconest ⁵
High blood pressure	Epaned (brand only) ⁴	enalapril oral solution (generic Epaned) ⁵
High blood pressure	Hemiclor ³	chlorthalidone (generic Hygroton)
High blood pressure	Lopressor tablet (brand only)	metoprolol (generic Lopressor)
Infections	Dificid tablet (brand only)	fidaxomicin (generic Dificid) tablets
Inflammatory conditions	Leqselvi ^{3,4}	Litfulo ⁵ , Olumiant ⁵
Irritable bowel disease	dicyclomine hydrochloride 40 mg ³	dicyclomine hydrochloride two of 20 mg (generic Bentyl)
Mental health	Bucapsol capsule ³	buspirone (generic Buspar)
Migraines	Symbravo ³	meloxicam (generic Mobic) plus rizatriptan (generic Maxalt/Maxalt MLT)
Muscle spasms	Fleqsuvy (brand only) ⁴	baclofen oral suspension (generic Fleqsuvy) ⁵
Neutropenia	Rolvedon ³	Neulasta, Udenyca
Pain & inflammation	Combogesic tablet ³	OTC ibuprofen (e.g., Advil, Motrin), OTC acetaminophen (e.g., Tylenol)
Pain & inflammation	ibuprofen 300 mg ³	ibuprofen (generic Motrin), naproxen tablets (generic Naprosyn, generic Anaprox DS), OTC ibuprofen (Advil/Motrin), OTC naproxen (Aleve)
Pain & inflammation	Indocin rectal suppository (brand only) ⁴	indomethacin rectal suppository (generic Indocin) ⁵
Pulmonary hypertension	Tracleer tablet (brand only) ⁴	bosentan (generic Tracleer) ⁵
Pulmonary hypertension	Yutrepia ^{3,4}	Tyvaso ⁵
Skin conditions	Ala-Scalp	hydrocortisone 2.5% topical lotion (generic Hytone)
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Ulcers, heartburn & reflux	Nexium packet (brand only) ⁴	esomeprazole suspension (generic Nexium) ⁵

¹ Medication is typically excluded from coverage.

² Exclusion includes brand, generic and authorized generic products unless otherwise noted.

³ Newly released medication which was excluded from coverage at the time of launch and will continue to be excluded from our pharmacy benefit.

⁴ For plans that do not exclude these medications, step therapy or prior authorization may be required prior to coverage.

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Essential 4-Tier PDL clinical programs update summary

Some prescription drugs may have programs or limits that apply. Below are the changes that will be effective **May 1, 2026**.

MN New medical necessity

Medical necessity is a type of prior authorization that evaluates the clinical appropriateness of a medication, such as condition being treated, type of medication, frequency of use, and duration of therapy. The following medications will now require medical necessity for coverage.

Therapeutic use	Medication name
Testosterone replacement	Jatenzo ⁶

QL New quantity limits

Quantity limits establish the maximum quantity of a drug that is covered per copay or in a specified time frame. The drugs below will now be part of the quantity limits program.

Therapeutic use	Medication name	Revised quantity limit
Inflammatory conditions	Adalimumab-adaz 80 mg/0.8 mL ⁷	2 auto-injectors per month
Inflammatory conditions	Yuflyma CD/UC/HS Starter Kit 80 mg/ 0.8 mL ^{6,8}	3 auto-injectors per year

ST New step therapy

The medications below have a new or revised step therapy program. You must try one or more other medications before the medication below may be covered.

Therapeutic use	Medication name	Step 1 medication
Diabetes	Novolin N Flexpen Relion ⁶	Humulin N
Diabetes	Novolin R Flexpen Relion ⁶	Humulin R

⁶ Medication is typically excluded from coverage.

⁷ Step therapy or prior authorization may be required prior to coverage.

⁸ For plans that do not exclude these medications, step therapy or prior authorization may be required prior to coverage.

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في احطه: اطلب المساعدة بالغة اللغة العربية (Arabic)، ستوفر لك خدمات المساعدة بالغة اللغة العربية
طلب المساعدة بالغة اللغة العربية بالخطوط الحرة، يمكنك الاتصال بالخطوط الحرة للحصول على المساعدة بالغة اللغة العربية
طلب المساعدة بالغة اللغة العربية بالخطوط الحرة.

দেখুন: আপক্ষ যক্ষ বাংলায় (Bengali-Bangala) কথা বঁ : , তাহঁ ঞ্ক্ষ মূর্ঁ ভাষা সহায়তা
পক্ষষবা এবং বড় মুর্ঁ ফ্রমতো অ: া: ফ্রম্ম াঁ যোগাযোগগুঁক্ষ আপ: ফ্রাজ: ঞ্ক্ষ মূর্ঁ
উপ ঞ্ক্ষ। আপ: ফ্রাস: সঁ ফ্রপক্ষয়পঁ ফ্রকার্ডেফ্রঁ া - ঞ্ক্ষ: স্বফ্রেকঁ কর:

ចំណាំ: ប្រសិនបើអ្នកនិយាយភាសាខ្មែរ (Cambodian-Mon-Khmer)
សេវាជំនួយភាសាគតិតិច្ឆៃ នឹងការទំនាក់ទំនងគតិតិច្ឆៃក្នុងទម្រង់ផ្សេងទៀត
ដូចជាពុម្ពអក្សរធំ មានសម្រាប់អ្នក។
ទូរសព្ទមកលេខគតិតិច្ឆៃនៅលើប័ណ្ណសម្គាល់សមាជិករបស់អ្នក។

請注意： 如果您說中文 (Chinese - Traditional)，您可以獲得免費語言協助服務和大字體等
其他格式的免費通訊。請致電您的會員身份卡上的免付費電話號碼。

ATTENTION : Si vous parlez français (French), des services d'assistance linguistique et
des communications dans d'autres formats, notamment en gros caractères, sont mis à
votre disposition gratuitement. Appelez le numéro gratuit figurant sur votre carte de
membre.

ATANSYON: Si w pale Kreyòl Ayisyen (Haitian Creole), gen sèvis lang gratis ak
kominikasyon nan lòt fòm lo disponib, tankou sa ki enprime ak gwo lèt. Rele nimewo
gratis ki sou kat idantifikasyon manm ou an.

ACHTUNG: Falls Sie Deutsch (German) sprechen, stehen Ihnen kostenlose
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ΠΡΟΣΟΧΗ: Εάν μιλάτε ελληνικά (Greek), υπάρχουν διαθέσιμες δωρεάν υπηρεσίες
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γράμματα. Καλέστε τον αριθμό χωρίς χρέωση στην κάρτα μέλους σας.

ધ્યાન આપો: જો તમે ગુજરાતી (Gujarati) બોલતા હો તો વિના મૂલ્યે ભાષાકીય મદદરૂપ સેવાઓ અને અન્ય ફોર્મેટમાં વિના મૂલ્યે સંચાર, જેમ કે મોટી વિન્ટ, તમારા માટે ઉપલબ્ધ છે. તમારા સભ્ય ઓળખ કાર્ડ પરના ટોલ-ફ્રી નંબર પર કોલ કરો.

ध्यान दें: यदि आप हिंदी (Hindi) बोलते हैं, तो आपके लिए मुफ्त भाषा सहायता सेवाएँ और अन्य प्रारूपों में मुफ्त संचार, जैसे क्लर्क बॅ प्रिंट, उपलब्ध हैं। अपने सदस्य पहचान पत्र पर दिए गए टोल-फ्री नंबर पर कॉल करें।

LUS TSEEM CEEB: Yog tias koj hais lus Hmoob (Hmong), muaj cov kev pab cuam txhais lus thiab muaj kev sib txuas lus pab dawb ua lwm hom ntawv, xws li luam ua ntawv loj rau koj. Thov hu rau tus xov tooj hu dawb ntawm koj daim npav ID.

ATENSIÓN: No agsasaoka iti Ilocano (Ilocano), magun-odmo dagiti libre a serbisio ti tulong iti pagsasao ken libre a komunikasion iti dadduma a pormat, kas iti dadakkel a letra. Tawagan ti awan-bayadna a numero a masarakan iti kard a pakabigbigam kas miembro.

ATTENZIONE: se parla italiano (Italian), può usufruire di servizi di assistenza linguistica gratuiti e comunicazioni gratuite in altri formati, come ad esempio la stampa a caratteri grandi. Chiami il numero verde riportato sul Suo tesserino identificativo.

注意事項：日本語 (Japanese) を話される場合、無料の言語支援サービスや、拡大文字など他の形式での無料のコミュニケーションをご利用いただけます。会員証に記載されているフリーダイヤルにお電話ください。

알림 사항: 한국어(Korean)를 사용하시는 경우 무료 언어 지원 서비스와 대형 활자체 등 다른 형식으로 된 의사 소통 매체를 이용하실 수 있습니다. 회원 ID 카드에 나와 있는 무료 전화번호로 전화해 주십시오.

ໝາຍເຫດ: ຖ້າຫາກທ່ານເວົ້າພາສາລາວ (Lao), ທ່ານສາມາດໃຊ້ບໍລິການຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອດ້ານພາສາພາສາລາວ ແລະ ການສື່ສານໃນຮູບແບບອື່ນໆພາສາລາວ, ເຊັ່ນ: ການພິມຕົວອັກສອນຂະໜາດໃຫຍ່. ໂທຫາເບີໂທພາສາລາວທີ່ບັດປະຈຳຕົວສະມາຊິກຂອງທ່ານ.

ध्यान दिनु ास्: यदि तपाईंले नेपाली (Nepali) बोल्नुहुन्छ भने, ऋःशुल्क भाषा सहायता सेवाहरू र अन्य ढाँचाहरूमा ऋःशुल्क संचारहरू, जस्तै ठूलो छाप, तपाईंका लाग्मा उपलब्ध छन्।. आफ्नो सदस्य पहिचान कार्डमा रहेको टोल फ्री नम्बरमा कल गर्नुहोस्।

بوجه: لکریه زبان وایسی (Persian-Farsi) صحبت می‌کند، خدمات پولکان کمک ربلی و لپیاطات
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UWAGA: Dla osób mówiących po **polsku (Polish)** dostępne są bezpłatne usługi pomocy językowej i bezpłatne komunikaty w innych formatach, takich jak duży druk. Prosimy zadzwonić pod bezpłatny numer podany na karcie identyfikacyjnej.

ATENÇÃO: se você fala **português (Portuguese)**, tem à sua disposição serviços gratuitos de assistência linguística e comunicações gratuitas em outros formatos, como caracteres grandes. Ligue para o número gratuito que se encontra no seu cartão de identificação de membro.

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ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ।

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ATENCIÓN: Si habla **español (Spanish)**, hay servicios de asistencia de idiomas y comunicaciones en otros formatos como letra grande, sin cargo, a su disposición. Llame al número gratuito que figura en su tarjeta de identificación de miembro. (TTY 711).

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การพิมพ์ด้วยตัวอักษรขนาดใหญ่ โทรไปยังหมายเลขโทรศัพท์สำหรับสมาชิกตามบัตรประจำตัวของคุณ

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